

April 8, 2013

## **Greetings from your Mayor:**

Spring is here, daylight savings time has kicked in providing for more outside family activities, and great things are happening in Camden. We can only anticipate that as we move through April into May, the weather will continue to improve.

On the Saturday before Easter, our Town hosted a very successful Easter egg hunt right here at Town Hall. It was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities as the Easter Bunny and the Chick Fila Cow actually made their appearances. I want to personally thank all who played any part in the success of this event including the local businesses that chipped in either monetarily or by attending and assisting with the actual hunt. I also have to give accolades to our town staff for the planning and organizing of such a great event.

As your Mayor, I want to make sure you are aware of some other issues that have either already been addressed or are presently in progress.

The full town council had placed the old police building on the retail market some months ago and we went to settlement on the property on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The new owner, Mr. Brian Lessard, plans to demolish the existing building and construct a very nice office building in its place for his construction company. Upon completion, this will help to beautify the center of our town as the new construction will perfectly fit with the historical charm of the area.

At the April monthly town council meeting, the full council unanimously approved a bid proposal to repair several pot holes in our town. The bid was awarded to George & Lynch, Inc. of nearby Dover and the repairs are scheduled to begin by the middle of this month (April).

Also at the April meeting, a resolution was adopted to have the official map of Camden properly recorded at the Kent County Recorder of Deeds, State of Delaware, allowing the Town to be in full compliance with our existing town charter.

A project that has been pending for almost three years was completed by the end of February of this year. The storm drains that had been identified as needing dire repair have now been addressed and the project is finally complete.

Just as a reminder for those who qualify, don't forget Camden has a senior tax discount. Forms are available at the Town Hall or if you call in, we surely could email the form to you. The forms are due no later than May 31, 2013, to get the discount for



this upcoming tax year. If you have questions, please call Town Hall or go to our website at <a href="https://www.camden.delaware.gov">www.camden.delaware.gov</a> where the rules of eligibility are listed.

Another note of interest is that our new grocery store, (Redner's Market), is complete and open for business. This will surely serve as an extra convenience to Camden residents.

And slated to have its grand opening on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 is our new restaurant located at the corner of US Rt. 13 southbound and Lochmeath Way. Cheddars Casual Café is a national chain restaurant and our great Town gets the first one in the state of Delaware. Certainly, Cheddars will be a welcomed addition to Walmart Drive.

And in signing off, I just want to say again that it is an honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor. I wish everyone a great summer season and hope all have a patriotic and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

With warmest regards,

W.G. Edmanson II

Mayor